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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative Lucien Nedzi Re
Additional Information on Watergate Case

1. On 6 March 1973, Mr. Colby told me of some information involving the Agency very indirectly in the Watergate matter. He said that in July 1971, Howard Hunt had called General Cushman's office and arranged to borrow from the Agency several items of equipment including a tape recorder, a camera, and a wig. He said that later we had gotten a request from the White House to man a listening post in New York, but had refused. He said that in view of the keen interest of Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, in any possible embarrassment to the Agency which might arise out of the Watergate case, and Nedzi's insistence that he be kept fully informed in this regard, it might be well to tell Nedzi of this before he heard of it somewhere else. I fully agreed, and said I would take advantage of the first opportunity to cover this matter with Nedzi in low key fashion. I said I did not want to make a special appointment with Nedzi for this purpose because I didn't want to indicate undue concern about it.

2. Accordingly, during an informal conversation following today's meeting of the Subcommittee, I took advantage of the occasion to mention to Nedzi, in low key fashion, that I had come across another small bit of information he should know about--that about a year before the Watergate affair, someone in the White House--I was not clear just who--had called the Deputy Director's office to borrow several items, including a tape

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recorder and camera, which we had supplied. I said that later we had gotten a call asking about the possibility of manning a listening post, and this request we had flatly refused. Nedzi asked who had made the calls, and I said that I wasn't sure, and in fact, since at the time no significance was attached to them, I doubted that there was any record of who had made them. I said they had been received when General Cushman was the Deputy Director, but I didn't know whether he had personally received the requests or if they had merely been made to his office. Nedzi said he was surprised that we didn't know who had made the calls, and I repeated that I wasn't clear on this, and that presumably no great significance was attached to them since all this happened a number of months before the Watergate incident surfaced.

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